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NEWFOUNDLAND AND RECIPROCITY.

VIEWS of the CABINET
EXPRESSED in LONDON.

R. K. Bishop of the Newfoundland cabinet, who is in London, for the coronation, has given to the London Post the following interview regarding Newfoundland's position as to the Canadian-United States reciprocity pact, and also as to how Newfoundland might view a reciprocity arrangement with this country.

The prospect of Canada and the United States accepting the proposed reciprocity agreement finds Newfoundland carefully watching the progress of events, and quietly confident that it will be well able to look after its interests, whatever may befall. "One policy up to the time I left St. John's was to play a waiting game," Mr. Bishop explained. "We prefer simply to wait and see the effect of the negotiations between Canada and the United States, and when it becomes evident, that reciprocity is to be accomplished, then we shall be ready to play our cards." In the event of the reciprocity agreement going through, and Newfoundland doing nothing, the effect would undoubtedly be that the Dominion fish trade would secure an advantage in the United States markets compared with that of the smaller sister state.

Asked as to the suggestion of a "free fish for free bait" reciprocity between the United States and Newfoundland, Mr. Bishop said the question must have been mooted since he left for London, if indeed it had been raised at all in the colony, and he explained what he holds to be the strong position of his state. "We would accept nothing but free markets in consideration of free bait, for the United States fishermen, and I am not prepared to say that we are ready to grant free bait, even if they offered us open markets," he said. "It is a rather debatable proposition, to which I am personally by no means wedded.

"I admit that there would be a certain benefit from the free admission of our products to the United States, but I consider our bait fish, which they seek, and which they cannot do without, are of incalculable value. These we should not readily part with. It would be, of course, a question of equity depending on what we got in return. We should be prepared to listen to what the United States had to say and frame our action accordingly. We think that, notwithstanding the advantages that our Canadian friends would have, provided the American markets were opened to them and closed to us, as we have the bait supply we can not remain very long at a disadvantage."

The possibility of Newfoundland throwing in its lot with the Dominion of Canada was mentioned to Mr. Bishop. "There is no indication of that," he replied. "We see no reason why, with our present prosperity and prospects, we should not be able to paddle our own canoe comfortably. The question is not being discussed or considered in Newfoundland at all." He added, with a smile, that it was only at election times that they heard anything of such a suggestion, and then each side accused the other of ulterior motives. "Trade is very good with us, and our revenue is increasing and exceeding our expenditure considerably."

Mr. Bishop added: "We are jogging along very comfortably." Alluding to the possibilities of the colony, he said they believed their island was very rich with minerals, but they wanted British or other capital to assist them in its development. They had a good deal to attract capital in a bona fide way, but unfortunately with Newfoundland, as with other countries, certain properties had been placed before the British investor which were not as sound as they might be.

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Sailed on Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, sailed on her maiden trip, fresh halibut, yesterday afternoon. A number of invited guests went down the harbor on the new craft returning on one of the towboats. Pictures were taken of the new craft with all her sails set. She looked well under full press of canvas.

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SIX FARES AT T WHARF.

PART OF SMALL RECEIPTS WILL
GO UNDER THE SPLITTERS'
KNIVES.

One drifter with a fine catch, one market boat with a small fare and four of the little cod netters is all that T wharf can muster this morning.

The market is dull and the market boat, sch. Ida S. Brooks, is booked to go to Gloucester, where the splitters will take out her catch.

The Georges drifter Viking hails for 32,000 pounds and will take out part if not all of her fare to market.

Large cod sold at \$2.50 and \$3 and market cod for \$1.35 and \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Morning Star, 1700 cod.
Sch. Ignatius, 3000 cod.
Sch. Viking, 32,000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Eva Avina, 2200 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 1400 cod.
Large cod, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt; market cod, \$1.35 to \$2.

Clams Seized Because of Close Season.

Five barrels of clams from Digby, N. S., for the Boston market last Saturday were seized by the Yarmouth officer on account of the close season, which began May 1. They were sold at auction and brought 75 cents per barrel. Eleven more barrels were stopped on Wednesday afternoon and were sold, bringing 45 cents per barrel.

Newport Scup Catch Small.

The scup catch at Newport, R. I., was small again yesterday, 77 barrels being landed and sent to New York with 100 barrels of mixed fish. It was the third gloomy day in fish headquarters. A year ago yesterday Macomber, Nickerson & Co landed 165 barrels of scup, and Capt. William Ross brought 138 barrels of scup. Thursday of this week the Hattie landed only 12 barrels.

Landed Wrecked Crew.

The French fishing schooner Albert arrived at St. Pierre, Miquelon, yesterday from Quero bank with the crew of 13 of the fishing schooner Maple Leaf of St. Jacques, N. F., which foundered in a storm on Quero bank last Monday, her crew taking to the dories.

On the Railways.

Sch. Rebecca is on the Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. Newell B. Hawes is on Parkhurst's railways.
Sch. Harriet is on Burnham Brothers railways.

Was in Minstrel Show.

James Hubbard, formerly of this city, took a prominent part in the Elks' minstrel show of T wharf, Boston, at Revere Thursday night. As one of the end men he made a decided hit. Last evening a party of 100 from T wharf attended the show.

Sch. Aspinet Made Good Stock.

Capt. Jacob Brigham of sch. Aspinet, who had one of the big catches at T wharf Thursday, made a stock of \$2050, and each member of his crew received as share \$6 for the 10 days' fishing.

Lost Foretopmast.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles Maguire, one of the southern mackerel seining fleet, put into Newport, R. I., last night with her foretopmast gone. She will get a new stick there.

Stocked \$2106 on Pollock Trip.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, stocked \$2106 as the result of her recent salt and fresh pollock trip, the crew sharing \$56.06.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Edgartown Thursday for bait.
Schs. Muriel and Manhasset were at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Fitting for Georges Handlining.

Sch. Cecil H. Low is fitting for Georges handlining under command of Capt. William Gould.

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ONE FARE FOR THE SPLITTERS.

SEVERAL OF POLLOCK FLEET
ALSO ARRIVED WITH GOOD
FARES.

One little lot of fish down from Boston to split just saved the harbor from being a clean blank in the fish receipts line this morning. Sch. Flora J. Sears drifted down during the night, bringing 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, is home from south mackerel seining, with no fish. Capt. Parsons will now fit out the craft for the Cape Shore trip, and will lose no time in getting away.

During the forenoon the fog cleared away and several of the pollock fleet made port with fares. Steamer Geisha came along with 50,000 pounds and sch. Margie Smith brought 35,000 pounds.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, loaded, came in in tow of the gasoline auxiliary sch. Little Fannie, which craft also looked to have all she could carry. The Dugan had met with some mishap to her engine, and Capt. Charles Nelson acted the part of the Good Samaritan.

This is the second full trip this week for sch. Little Fannie and also for steamer Bessie M. Dugan, the former landing Thursday and the latter Wednesday and both going out Thursday.

Sch. Reliance came in this noon with 40,000 pounds pollock, her second big trip for this week.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Saladin, south seining.
Sch. Reliance, Rips, 40,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Steamer Geisha, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, Rips, 90,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Little Fannie, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Margie Smith, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. George Parker, Cape Shore seining.

Sch. Valerie, Cape Shore seining.

Sch. Diana, Cape Shore seining.

Sch. Sylvia, Cape Shore seining.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, Boston.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, Boston.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, haddocking.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges salt drifting.

Sch. Dauntless, Cape Shore, seining.

Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.
Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.37 1-2.
Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.59; medium, \$4.
Haddock, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$2.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh large mackerel 27 cents each.
Haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.
Large cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; mediums, \$1.35 per cwt.
Peak fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.65 for mediums.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.10.
Dressed pollock, \$1.10, round \$1.00.
Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 1-2 cts. for gray.
Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

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Lobsters at Boston.

The invoice of live lobsters on the Yarmouth steamer yesterday was larger than the first report showed. There were 1542 crates instead of 1464. On the same steamer last Monday there were 491, and on the Halifax steamer this morning there will be at least 593, making a total of 2033 for the week, or about 367,540 pounds.

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TWO SEINERS LAND FARES.

ONE AT NEW YORK WITH 2300
AND ONE AT NEWPORT WITH
700 FISH.

Two of the mackerel seining fleet out south have landed small fares since last report, one at Newport, R. I., and the other at New York.

Sch. Independence II., Capt. John McInnis, arrived at the former port last night with 700 large fresh mackerel taken off Shinnecock on Thursday. The fish brought 25 cents each.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross is at New York this morning, with 2800 large fresh mackerel, her second trip there this week, she landing 1500 count a few days ago.

Netters at New York.

The following netters are at New York this morning with fares:

Sch. Sarah Smith, 250 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Earl and Nettle, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Pearl, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie Smith, 250 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hester, 118 large fresh mackerel.

The netters and sch. Veda M. McKown got 25 cents each for their fish.

The following additional netters were at New York this noon

Sch. Wood and Mack, 125 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Motor, 750 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dorcas, 200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Belta, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nickerson, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hobo, 600 large fresh mackerel.

High Line of Netting Fleet.

Our New York correspondent says that the sloop Sea Queen of Nantucket is high line of the mackerel netting fleet to date. She is commanded by Capt. R. K. Dunham and carries a crew of four men. Up to date she has stocked \$1215.98 net.

Portland Fish Notes.

Portland fishermen were feeling decidedly good Thursday over the news that herring have been seen the past two days in different directions along the coast. The steamer E. N. Brown came in with 70 barrels of large herring taken from the traps at Biddeford Pool. The fish were extra large, many of them weighing over a pound, and are in good demand, both for bait and as an article of food. There is a great call for the fish, both large and small, and a plentiful supply alongshore would mean good money for the local fishermen. The small sardine herring have not been caught to any great extent this spring around Casco Bay, and the canning factory at South Portland has been handicapped in its business by the great scarcity.

The first schooner of the Portland fleet to start out this spring in search of swordfish will be sch. Albert D. Willard, which is now fitting out at Central wharf and will start out about June. Several others will follow a few days later.

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Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Claudia sold to the American Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 1-4 cents for gray.

The fares of sch. Ingomar, Moanham and Elsie sold to the New England Fish Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Harmony sold to Neal & McDonald.

Sch. Catherine Burke Sold to Newfoundland.

Sch. Catherine Burke of this port, owned by Manuel Simmons, has been sold to Mr. Lake of Grand Bank, N. F., who has been here for a week, looking to purchase a craft. She will be a splendid addition to his fleet, as she is a fine modern craft.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Preceptor and Quonnapowit were at Canso, N. S., on Thursday.

Schs. Muriel and Manhasset sailed from Canso, N. S., on Thursday for the Magdalen Islands, N. F., for bait.